

Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish

Remembering our Dead

Recently Deceased

Michael Prendergast,
Kilmacthomas, Waterford

Kathleen Baldwin (née Hughes),
Tramore/Ferrybank

Finbar Hickey, Milepost

Anniversaries

Joseph & Mary Peacock and their
son Joseph

Liam Walsh

Leo Hughes

Liam McGrath

Mandy Hanrahan

Bill O'Connor, (Milepost)

James Rochford

Hannah Murphy,
(Wellington Bridge)

Nicky Walsh & Deceased
members of the Walsh Family
(Davidstown)

May they rest in peace ...



'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.'

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

The second reading for this feast of Pentecost tells us that it is the same God, the same Spirit who is working in different people in many different ways and through a variety of gifts enabling them to serve their sisters and brothers. This same Spirit is the Spirit of the God of Jesus Christ, the God who according to St John in his first letter, is Love.

As we prepared for Confirmation all of us learned about the gifts of the Spirit. We learned them off and then forgot them!! We tend to see them as individual disconnected gifts all carefully wrapped and given to us. Yet as we remind ourselves of them once more we begin to see that they are not really like gifts under the tree at Christmas. At Confirmation the Bishop prays.. *'Give them the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Right Judgement and Courage, the Spirit of Knowledge and Reverence. Fill them with the Spirit of Wonder and Awe in your presence.'*

These Gifts are the Holy Spirit, in fact seven aspects or characteristics of the Holy Spirit who is the driver and software that allows the God of Jesus Christ, the God of Love to work in us and through us. Where this relationship is working properly we see the results or 'fruits' as we describe them in church lingo! They are: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, goodness, faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

Thankfully these 'fruits' these values if you like are still very evident in our world. They are not just restricted to priests or bishops or 'holy people'. They are being lived in homes and hospitals, in workplaces, in communities, in places where the most vulnerable and needy are being cared for. They are being lived where compassion and mercy are shown, where acts of kindness are performed and where people seek to build a society of justice and peace instead of violence and death. They are lived in our church when we care or one another, when we make space to celebrate the giftedness of each person. To be a Christian is to be a person who believes that despite everything we live in a Spirit filled World, where the sharing of gifts and the service of others in a spirit of Love will hasten the day when Love conquers everything that prevents us and all creation from becoming who God calls us to be.

Holy Water

This weekend we will bless water to remind us of our Baptism and the presence of the life giving Spirit of God that flows throughout our lives. The water will be available in specially prepared bottles as it was at Easter. In a spirit of respect for the environment please keep you empty Holy Water bottles so that they can all be used again

Confirmation

This weekend let us remember in a special way all our young people who haven't been able to celebrate Confirmation yet. However let us not forget that the Holy Spirit is not restricted because we cannot celebrate Confirmation. Confirmation should be a celebration of the action of God's Spirit at work in the lives of our young people in many different ways, through a variety of gifts. The Sacrament confirms that to be the case.

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Please remember that Baptisms, & Weddings can be celebrated with a minimum of participants and as long as social distancing is observed in accordance with Government Guidelines.

Funerals can be celebrated as long as the congregation **does not exceed ten people who are not cocooning** and as long as social distancing is observed in accordance with Government Guidelines.

Mass Intentions

Please note that Masses already booked for Ferrybank & Slieverue will be offered at the normal time of 10am every morning and will be remembered at our weekend Mass (only one Mass in our churches each weekend). All of these Masses will be celebrated without a full congregation until further notice.

Safeguarding Our Children

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

Ferrybank - Breda Freyne & Jerry Hughes / Slieverue - Mary Kenny

If you, or anyone you know, has a safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to Statutory Authorities contact the Gardai or Túsla An Garda Síochána 1800 555 222. Túsla Child and Family Agency, Waterford 051-842827.

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person **Mr Cathal Cullen, Tel. 087 100 0232** - email dlp@ossory.ie

Ways to join together for Mass ... Live & Recorded Masses from Ferrybank & Slieverue

Please note that during the coming week advance notice will be given when our Liturgies will be live streamed on our Facebook page and available immediately afterwards to watch on our website.

Mass is also broadcast daily on RTE News Now TV at 10.30m each day.

Trocaire Boxes

If you have a Trocaire box full to the brim at home and wondering what to do with it or your donation has been transferred to an envelope please drop them into the parish office letter box. If there is a lot of coin it might be a good idea to place your box in a bag of some kind before dropping in the letter box!

Thank You

A word of sincere thanks to all of you for your continued generosity to our parishes in these difficult times. Thank you for all your weekly envelopes, lenten stations, easter offerings and pentecost collection that have been dropped into the parish office or church box already. it is very much appreciated.

Moving towards reopening

Plans are well advanced for a gradual reopening of our churches. This process will be undertaken together as a diocese. We will keep you posted as the story unfolds. In the meantime let us continue to observe the guidelines and show respect for one another and to do all we can to minimise the risk of contracting the virus ourselves or causing others to become sick.

If you are visiting the church in these days please use the hand sanitiser provided. Please leave all doors in the open position as you find them. Avoid touching surfaces unnecessarily. Maintain a distance of 2m between yourself and others. Thank You.

First Communion

A big word of thanks to all the parents and children of our first communion classes in Ferrybank and Slieverue for your participation and preparations for our live streamed Masses over the last few weeks. Thank you too for all the lovely prayers, drawings, family photos, and for the communion programme passports you sent in. We will be in touch soon again.

Vatican Tours

The Vatican offers several online virtual tours allowing you to visit several of their landmark attractions including the Raphael Rooms painted by famous Italian Renaissance artist Raphael; the Chiaramonti Museum with renowned sculptures, painting, and architecture; and the world famous Sistine Chapel, the official residence of the pope which showcases Michelangelo's celebrated ceiling frescoes. With easy-to-use navigational arrows and the ability to zoom in, you'll love being teleported to the calming beauty of architectural and artistic feats all around Vatican City. History buffs may also enjoy reading the biographical notes that accompany each site.

Peadar's Summer Camp Committee

It is with a heavy heart, a lot of soul searching, and a lot of anguish that this great bunch of people have made the most difficult decision they have ever had to make, and cancel this years Peadar's Summer Camp. In the current pandemic the unanimous decision was made in the best interest of everyone's health and well being during these most difficult and challenging times. This year would have been year 29. That in itself is a credit to the organisers/ helpers/ sponsors/ supporters/ and everyone in general supporting Peadar's Summer Camp. WE WILL be back, stronger and better than ever NEXT YEAR. The G.A.A. however are looking to have their cul camp on the following dates, August 4,5,6,7, so go along and support this great event. more news can be gotten on G.A.A. web sites and other social media platforms. Thank you for your understanding and support. And WE WILL see ye all next year!



Kilkenny Co. Council

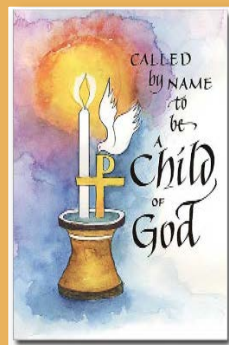
Kilkenny Co. Council has established a helpline for those who are in need of support with services such as delivery of food or transport for essential trips. Phone 1800 500 000

Accord Help Line

Accord has established a support phone line to help relationships during the COVID 19 crisis. If you need to speak to an experienced couple and relationship counsellor contact 01-531 3331. Lines are open from 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday. All calls are charged at local rates.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE support for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024



We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism ... **Noah Edward John Boden** who was baptised recently in Ferrybank Church

Ferrybank & Slieverue

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Due to the Coronavirus outbreak our Parish Office is closed to visitors at this time but if we can help you with anything, please contact us on the phone on 051-830813 or email: ferrybank@ossory.ie slieverue@ossory.ie